

Herald Weekender

Containing Stories from Sunday's Herald

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Planners Submit Big Tract Again

Rezoning the area immediately west of the Civic Center received the recommendation of the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night, providing it meets the specifications of a controlled manufacturing zone ordinance now being prepared.

The tract was sent back to the Planning Commission by the City Council, which objected to original provisions for 10,000 square foot agricultural lots. These are eliminated in the new plans.

As adopted by the planners, the layout would be approximately as follows:

Manufacturing—Land north of Spencer St. between Hawthorne and Madrona Ave. and on the south side of Spencer and Amie.

Commercial—Hawthorne, between Spencer and Torrance Blvd.; Emerald between Hawthorne and Amie; and the north side of Torrance Blvd. between Amie and Madrona.

Residential—both sides of Maricopa between Madrona and Amie, and along Madrona.

Controlled manufacturing zoning would be allowed on the north side of Spencer between Amie and Madrona. The matter again will go before the city council.

The matter will go back to the City Council for another hearing.

Nephews Meet Aunt

It was an empty branch on a family tree which led this week to the reunion of an 87-year-old Torrance woman with two of her nephews, one whom she had never met and the other whom she last saw more than 60 years ago.

Mrs. Sarah Montgomery engaged in a chaty reunion with her nephews, William Herman Burton, 62, Nashville, Tenn., and Fred N. Scofield, 77, Victoria, British Columbia.

The happy gathering took place at the home of Mrs. Montgomery's daughter, Mrs. Jack Tinkle, 4055 Newton St.

It was Scofield's hobby of working with family trees that led to the reunion with Burton, whose mother, a sister of Mrs. Montgomery, had died when he was three days old. After that, he lost contact with the rest of his mother's relatives.

Smoke—No Fire

Where there's smoke there's not always fire. Torrance fire engines roared to battle three blazes Thursday, but the only equipment actually used was a screwdriver.

Somebody left a dry coffee pot on and employees at the Playwood Manufacturing Co. of California, Inc., 2201 Dominguez St., thought that the smoke meant the building was on fire. The trouble was halted by pulling the plug on the scorched pot.

A short on a TV set caused a man to smoke at the home of John L. Theobald, 1503 Date Ave. The trouble, a short, was adjusted with a screwdriver.

A broken compressor belt was the guilty party at the third alarm at a service station at 1518 Cabrillo Ave. James High, attendant, called firemen because the compressor was smoking.

Bill Protested

Protest of Acting Police Chief Percy Bennett that a bill now in the legislature might strip Torrance and other cities of its jail facilities has received the backing of the City Council.

In a resolution directed to the State Senate committee studying Senate Bill 2576, which would limit operations of jails to the county level.

"Section 4022a which would be added to the Penal Code for the state would mean the city could not operate its own jail," Bennett warned the Council earlier this week.

Aine Zone Studied

Setting up a possible mining zone in the city's land use ordinances will be studied, the Torrance Planning Commission decided Wednesday night. A number of city officials will eye creation of zoning as a way to control digging opera-

tions, ranging from clay to sand excavations here.

Recently, a court decision reversed the city's denial of a variance for a diatomaceous earth mine in the south part of town.

Such zoning would presumably apply to sand and gravel pits.

Driver Loses \$80

A Long Beach laundryman lost about \$80 to a hitchhiker he picked up here Friday evening, he told Torrance police. Ben Kitzmann, driver for a Long Beach laundry, said he picked up the unidentified suspect near Pennsylvania Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd.

Once inside, the suspect pulled out a revolver and ordered Kitzmann to "keep moving."

Then climbing into the back of the panel truck, he ordered the driver to hand over his money. Kitzmann told Det. Sgt. Ted Morris that he handed his wallet, back to the suspect. After tearing the wallet apart searching for money, the suspect tore the shirt pocket of the driver and obtained \$75 police were told.

Three Win 'Bee'

The judges ran out of questions to stump the contestants in an "English bee" at Casimir Elementary School Tuesday, so the contest had to be called a three-way draw.

Winners of the contest on punctuation and capitalization were Diane Fitzgerald, sixth grader; Kay Mitchell, seventh grader, and Pat Haffenden, eighth grader.

Sales Threatened

Tying in the spectre of recession with recent Post Office budget shakeups, R. C. Black, president of the Los Angeles Division of McMahan's Furniture Stores, this week warned that any cuts in third class mail service or any increase in rates would immediately have a dampening effect on the sale and movement of goods to the buying public.

City Checks Hotel

The Don-Ja-Corp. plans for development of Torrance Beach property has drawn the displeasure of the Torrance City Council.

That is the substance of a letter sent to the firm, which earlier had announced plans for a resort hotel along the beach, just across the border from Palos Verdes Estates.

This week, however, the council received a letter from the firm stating that it planned a first section of 30 furnished hotel-apartment units.

"That sounds like they're thinking about a motel," Mayor Albert Isen noted.

The land is zoned for a hotel, but City Atty. Stanley Remelmeyer was asked to see if the zone could be changed back to its original single family residential status if the resort hotel is not built.

Joycees to Convene

The largest convention in the 30-year history of the California State Junior Chamber of Commerce will begin on Thursday, May 9th when some 3000 delegates arrive in Avalon, Catalina Island, it was announced today by Co-Chairman Ted Hill and Russ Hiles of Southwest Los Angeles and Culver City, respectively.

Cash Box Stolen

While one man diverted her attention on a bogus errand, another made off with the cash box. Eldora Clark of the Klasy Kleeners, 1953 Pacific Coast Hwy., told sheriff's deputies Friday. There was about \$216 in the cash box, she said.

Councilman Injured

John S. Gibson Jr., Los Angeles Councilman for the San Pedro-Shoestring Strip area, received minor injuries in a three-car crash at 190th and Figueroa Sts., Thursday afternoon.

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(Herald Photo)

CHECK-OUT TIME . . . Checking out at the new St. Lawrence Martyr School Library is Bonnie Johnson (right), with the assistance of Mrs. Loretta Hogan, library chairman; Sharon Braden, and Mrs. Melissa Gerold. Students either contributed one book or \$1.00 toward the new school library, while the mothers sorted and catalogued the books for distribution. The parish also is planning an adult



GETS 30-YEAR PIN . . . James (Jimmy) Wayt (center), personnel supervisor at the Torrance Works of United States Steel's Columbia-Geneva Steel Division, receives his 30-year service award from Fred Brunner, assistant superintendent of industrial relations, as Don H. Hyde, superintendent of industrial relations (left), looks on. Wayt joined the Torrance Works on April 13, 1927, as a crane operator. In 1945 he was transferred to the industrial relations department as assistant personnel supervisor.



(Herald Photo)

OPEN FOR BUSINESS . . . Officials discuss first day business at the new Hollywood Riviera branch of the Citizens' National Bank which opened Monday. Shown above are Richard M. Allen (left), local manager for Bateman, Eichler & Co., one of the first depositors; John Burch, branch manager, and W. D. Bower, vice president, Citizens' National.

Books Donated In St. Lawrence School Library

A 300-book library started circulating this week at St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic School—the result of donations by all the children of the school.

Each child at the newly opened school was asked to bring either a book or \$1 for use of his fellows. School mothers helped to cover the

books and catalogue them for student use. The same process will continue until the school has built a complete library.

"We hope to encourage the children's reading habits," Mrs. Loretta Hogan, library chairman, declared.

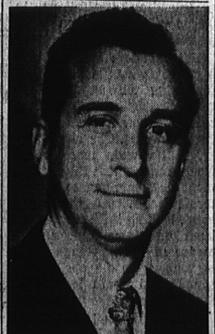
Classes Included

Included in the library are standard children's classics, Newbery award books, and other selections.

Sister St. Joan, C.S.J., principal of St. Lawrence Martyr School, is director of the children's library, assisted by a student library committee—Linda Peters, Sharon, Breden, Bonnie Johnson, Patricia Burke, Susan Pullins, John McCarry, Ann Poxon, Virginia Cannady, Alina Gregory, Frieda Brasher, and Christian Gerald.

Committee Named

The women's library committee is headed by Mrs. Hogan. Other members are Mmes. Mary McAfee, Loretta Regnier, Mabel Carvalho, Bernice Campbell, Melissa Gerold, Peggy McAllister, Elizabeth Scott, Florence Sisolak, Marcella Burnell, Rosemary Wiggins, Doria Farviero, Phyllis Mancini, Evelyn Zeitler, Kay Beaver, Pat Drumright, Betty Green, Pat Venable, and Genevieve Carylie.



GETS NEW POST . . . Charles J. Spiker, former budget accountant at the Torrance National Supply Co. plant, has been appointed plant controller at the firm's Toledo (Ohio) plant. He spent two years here and is a former California division assistant controller.

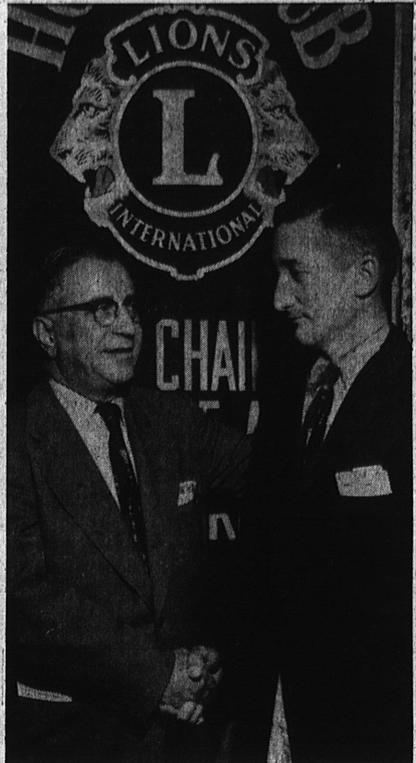
Deadline Set For 'Citizen' Nominations

Entries must be postmarked by midnight Monday, May 13, to be eligible for consideration in the quest to determine who was Torrance's "distinguished citizen," it was announced today by Chairman Mervin Schwab.

Although over 500 nomination blanks have been mailed to all organizations and companies in Torrance, additional blanks may be secured at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado.

The award will be presented by the 1955 winner, Dean L. Sears, local Bank of America manager, as a highlight of the Chamber's annual banquet on May 23 at the Civic Auditorium.

Past winners in addition to Sears were Paul D. Loranger, 1954, and Mervin Schwab, 1953. The award is presented annually in memory of departed civic leaders William I. Laughon and Grover C. Whyte.



NEW LIONS PRESIDENT . . . Outgoing President Abe Robinson congratulates Pete Radisich on his election as new president of the Torrance Lions Club at the group's meeting Tuesday noon. Radisich has served as first vice president of the group during the past year.

RADISICH NAMED LION PRESIDENT

Pete Radisich was elected president of the Torrance Lions Club Tuesday, succeeding Abe Robinson.

Manager of the Palos Verdes View Dairy, Radisich has served as first vice president of the club during the past year. He has been a Lion for six years. He will be installed in ceremonies June 15 at the Western Club.

Other new officers of the group include Ruel Moulton, first vice president; Sam Van Wagner, second vice president; Dr. Robert Barrett, third vice president; Fred Boren, secretary; Milton Pagel, treasurer; Ralph Morris, Lion tamer; William H. King, tall twister, and Dr. John Nursall and Dale M. Harter, board of directors.

The Lions currently are making plans for their annual rodeo to be held this year in conjunction with "Ranchero Days" on July 27 and 28.

Tryouts Set By Accent

Tryouts for "Light Up the Sky," Accent Theater's next production, will be held at 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, at the playhouse on El Prado and Cabrillo.

Director Charles Gray's professional acting commitments for the next two months will keep him in this area and he will again direct the forthcoming ACCENT production. He also is masterminding "Stalag 17," currently playing for the next two week ends.

Plan to Call Mom Sunday? The Line Might Be Busy

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Calls Delayed

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Industrialist To Explain New Plant Proposal

Plans for a new industrial and electronics research center for Torrance will be explained by Theodore Coleman, president of Coleman Engineering, at the May Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Tuesday, May 14, at the YWCA building, it was announced today by Chairman J. H. Paget.

The new "blue-chip" center will be one of the most beautiful and modern of its type, Planning Director George Powell has stated.

The project is being constructed by Quinton Engineers. Paget urged that interested parties call the Chamber of office for reservations.

Two Students Win Contest

Two Torrance High School students—Diane Hinshaw and Nancy Taylor—were named winners of the essay contest sponsored by the American Association of the United Nations.

Their essays were judged for originality, insight, and understanding of the United Nations and the organization's charter. They will receive certificates of merit and possible further honors when their papers are reviewed in New York.

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factory for both customer and company," Vaupel added. Vaupel said, "The chances of having a Mother's Day call completed is greatly increased if arrangements can be made to talk the day before on May 11. Another method of speeding your call is to obtain the distant telephone number several days in advance in order to have it ready for the operator when she asks for it." Operators Trained The company has given long distance operators training in special methods of handling heavy loads of traffic and approximately 100 additional long lines circuits out of Los Angeles to distant eastern points will be in use. Last year's Mother's Day calls for the Southern California area from Santa Maria south to San Diego represented a 38.2 per cent increase over 1955. This year it is estimated there will be approximately 315,000 calls handled on Mother's Day, Vaupel said in conclusion.